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SCR 239
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
AND THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TO REPORT ON LIABILITY ISSUES RELATING TO THE
USE OF STATE TRAILS AND ACCESSES

Statement for
Senate Committee on
Tourism, Recreation and Planning
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SCR 239 requests the Department of Land and Natural Resources and the Office of the Attorney General to report on liability issues relating to the use of state trails and accesses.

Our statement on this resolution does not represent an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

As appropriately recognized in the fifth Whereas Clause, liability issues are one of the most serious impediments to providing public use and access to state trails. Increased development and corresponding increases in population density contribute to a greater demand for access and use of trail resources. Furthermore, the need for access and use of public trails crosses a wide spectrum of the population and includes hikers, hunters, scientific researchers, school groups, and those just interested in observing nature.

It is our understanding that 198D-7 was instituted some 10 years ago yet the access issue for which it was created remains. Passage of SCR 239 should assure that this long overdue issue is resolved.